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Dear Property Owner:

Your help is needed for an important study on the condition of Maryland's streams.

In order to provide information on stream quality to state and local governments for assessment and planning purposes, Maryland DNR's Biological Stream Survey (MBSS) is sending trained volunteers to collect samples from public and private land.

Your permission is requested to allow volunteers from the Maryland Stream Waders program to visit your property to collect aquatic insect samples from the bottom of the stream and information on stream characteristics. Each volunteer will be appropriately identified and will observe proper protocols. The collection procedure should require less than one hour.

After the samples have been analyzed by DNR professionals, the assessment will be made available to local governments and landowners by mail and the internet.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 1-877-620-8DNR extension 8623 (toll free in Maryland) or at streamwaders@dnr.state.md.us. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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